

# RISE, WASHINGTON'S E&T PILOT

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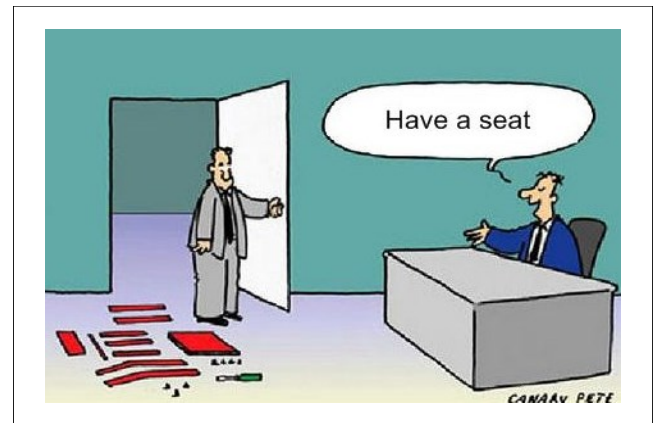
## Special points of interest:

- Ensuring a difference in RISE and BFET services.
- Collaboration
- RISE Staff
- Training
- Pre-Implementation Visits

## SNAP E&T Pilots

The Agriculture Act of 2014, also known as the 2014 Farm Bill authorized 200 million dollars to fund 10 grants for pilot sites nationwide. The grantee states include California, Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, Kentucky, Illinois, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington. The purpose of the E&T pilots is to:

- ♦ Raise the number of SNAP work registrants who obtain unsubsidized employment;
  - ♦ Increase the earned income of the registrants; and
  - ♦ Reduce the reliance of the registrants on public assistance.
- The E&T pilots present a unique opportunity to



test a range of innovative and promising approaches and strategies that help SNAP work registrants.

## MATHEMATICA'S ROLE

**Mathematica** will collect data in a rigorous evaluation design that will include four components:

- ♦ Implementation and process analysis;
- ♦ Impact evaluation to document the causal impacts of participation in the E&T pilots;
- ♦ Participation analysis to document patterns of participation in the treatments and any entry effects; and
- ♦ Cost-benefit analysis.

Random assignment will be used as part of the robust evaluation of the E&T Pilots required by Congress. Random assignment is a method for assigning participants to different groups by a chance procedure or an arbitrary number generator. This ensures that each participant has an equal chance of being placed in any group.

USDA is requiring random assignment as the 'gold standard' for determining the impact of programs. It provides valuable information for national policy makers who determine the future direction of E&T programs for SNAP recipients.

## THE RISE PURPOSE

RISE was designed to fill the gap currently experienced by BFET participants who face multiple barriers and

lack the needed work experience to obtain employment. Through collaborative efforts, the success of RISE

will be measured not only by increased employment opportunities for SNAP recipients, but also through complete and compelling

data that supports the effectiveness of the model, and a clear roadmap for sustainability through a transition to 50/50 match after three years.

Pilot participants will gain skills and education leading to employment or increased earnings.

WHY  
ARE  
WE  
HERE?



*“RISE will focus on barrier reduction through a standardized approach to comprehensive case management, work-based learning, and strategies for success training.”*

## PROVIDERS- KING COUNTY

- ◆ Career Path Services
- ◆ FareStart
- ◆ Highline College
- ◆ Multi-Service Center
- ◆ Neighborhood House
- ◆ North Seattle College
- ◆ Puget Sound Training Center
- ◆ Seattle Goodwill
- ◆ TRAC Associates
- ◆ YWCA Seattle

## PROVIDERS - PIERCE COUNTY

- ◆ Career Path Services
- ◆ Cares of Washington
- ◆ Pierce County Community Connections
- ◆ TRAC Associates
- ◆ Washington Restaurant Association

## PROVIDERS SPOKANE COUNTY

- ◆ Career Path Services
- ◆ Fulcrum Dispute Institution
- ◆ World Relief

## PROVIDERS YAKIMA COUNTY

- ◆ People For People
- ◆ Rod's House
- ◆ Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

## SERVICE PROVIDERS CONTINUED

### WA State Division of Child Support (DCS)

DCS will assist Non-custodial parents through their Alternative Solutions program with:

- ♦ Payment plans, modifications, debt adjustments
- ♦ Provide options for drivers license suspension/reinstatements
- ♦ Offer negotiations for payment plans on their legal financial obligations
- ♦ Sharing of child support information to support and promote educated decisions regarding their case

### Seattle Jobs Initiative (SJI)

SJI will assist the pilot by providing the following:

- ♦ Aligning access to needed resources throughout the pilot counties;
- ♦ Partner with agencies to conduct outreach to identify opportunities to increase access to healthcare and housing services;
- ♦ Create a web-based system that will be used to identify BFET and RISE providers; and
- ♦ Create web-based training materials.



*“Collaboration is the key to success”. Thank you to all of the providers who supported the RISE workgroups.*

### The WorkForce Development Councils (WDC's)

The WDC's role in each pilot county is to develop employer relationships that will allow RISE participants greater success through work-based learning (WBL) activities.

### WA State Employment Security Department (ESD)

ESD will offer Strategies for Success training (previously called life skills) within the pilot counties for RISE participants who need additional resources to help identify and overcome barriers.

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## RISE Staff

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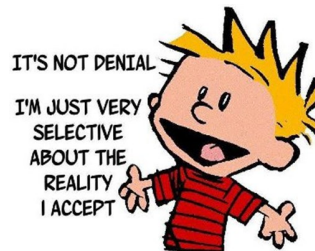
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## RESEARCH IMPACT

States awarded SNAP E&T Pilot funding are required to ensure a difference in service exists among the treatment (RISE) and control (BFET) groups. This requirement directs researchers to measure impacts on a collective level. Ultimately, the questions that RISE intends to answer are:

- ♦ Did the program result in improving outcomes for individuals?
- ♦ Were people's lives changed?



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## COMING SOON

### RISE Contracts

The week of September 21st

### Cost Analysis Webinar

September 25th, 11am–12:00pm

### Provider Training

September 28th - October 1st, Wenatchee, WA

### Pre-Implementation Visits

October 15th - October 26th, On-site

### Go LIVE!

November 2nd



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